the preceding year are eligible for financial assistance for their export promotion activities, under the MDA (Market Development Assistance) scheme of Department of Commerce and similar other scheme run by the Ministry of SSI.

Creation of BSNL Videsh

2469. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to have a new telecom company called BSNL Videsh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Identity of mobile holders

†2470. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the mobile companies have checked the identity of mobile holders after the directions issued by Government;

(b) if so, the names of the companies which have deactivated the mobile numbers of those holders who have not been found genuine; and

(c) if, so, the numbers thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per reports received from mobile service providers and their associations, names of the companies who have deactivated telephone connections, and the number of connections deactivated are given in Statement-I and II respectively.

Statement-I

Name(s) of companies who have deactivated telephone connections

BPL Mobile Communication Ltd.

Shyam Telelink Ltd.

Aircel Cellular Limited

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Aircel Ltd.
Dishnet Wireless Ltd.
Bharti Airtel Limited
Bharti Hexacom Ltd.
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited
HFCL Infotel Ltd.
Aircel Digilink India Ltd.
Fascel Ltd.
Hutchison Telecom East Ltd.
Hutchison Essar Cellular Ltd.
Hutchison Essar Ltd.
Hutchison Essar Mobile Services Ltd.
Hutchison Essar South Ltd.
BTA Cellcom Ltd.
Idea Cellular Ltd.
IDEA Mobile Communications Ltd.
Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd.
Reliance Communications Ltd.
Reliable Internet Services Ltd.
Reliance Telecom Ltd.
Spice Communications Ltd.
Tata Teleservices (Maharashtra) Ltd.
Tata Teleservices Ltd.

Statement-II

State-wise details of number of connections deactivated

(Figures in thousands)

State(s)	Number of connections de-activated
1	2
Andhra Pradesh	603
Assam	51
Bihar and Jharkhand	395
Delhi	1143
Gujarat	468
Haryana	158
Himachal Pradesh	75

1	2
Jammu and Kashmir	0
Karnataka	433
Kerala	253
Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh	602
Maharashtra and Goa	1948
Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura	30
Orissa	168
Punjab	519
Rajasthan	358
Tamil Nadu	713
Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand	858
West Bengal, Sikkim and Andaman and Nicobar	690

Technological upgradations for BSNL

2471. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether BSNL proposes to invest Rs. 60,000 crores over the next three years, with the objective of achieving more than double turnover;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of technological upgradations that are proposed to be taken up to achieve the objective, *inter-alia* indicating those that would be taken up in the State of Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir. BSNL has planned to invest over Rs.60,000 crores during next three years, with the objective of doubling its turnover.

(b) BSNL has drawn following plan to achieve these targets:

(i) Providing 3 million telephone connections per month from January, 2008.

(ii) Providing 5 lakh broadband connections per month *w.e.f.* from January 2008.

(c) Details of technological upgadation and network upgradation planned to be taken by BSNL are given in Statement-I and 11 respectively (*See* below).